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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SURFACE LAYER

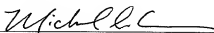
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 21 claims (pages 1-13, including specification cover sheet).
2. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted/2 pages).
3. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 36 264.8, filed in Germany on July 26, 2000.
4. X Information Disclosure Statement.
5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Basic Fee | | | | \$355/710 = | \$710.00 |
| Total Claims | <u>21</u> | - 20 = | <u>1</u> | x \$ 9/18 = | \$ 18.00 |
| Independent Claims | <u>2</u> | - 3 = | <u>0</u> | x \$40/80 = | \$ |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Presented | | | | \$135/270 = | \$ |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | <u>\$728.00</u> |

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